

REMARKS

Pursuant to our telephone discussion with Sandra Paris on November 29, 2004, December 1, 2004 and December 3, 2004, it is respectfully submitted that:

(1) We filed a Response to Restriction Requirement on July 2, 2004 in which we requested cancellation of claims 7-9;

(2) An Office Action was mailed to us on August 5, 2004, in which claims 7-9 were designated by the Examiner as withdrawn;

(3) We filed an Amendment on November 5, 2004, designating claims 7-9 as withdrawn;

(4) Sandra Paris issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment on November 18, 2004 in which she stated that our Amendment filed on November 5, 2004 incorrectly designated claims 7-9 as withdrawn;

(5) In response to our telephone conferences with Sandra Paris, Sandra Paris called the Examiner and determined that he inadvertently marked claims 7-9 as withdrawn and meant to mark claims 7-9 as cancelled, and thus, that our Amendment on November 5, 2004 was proper (not non-compliant); and

(6) Sandra Paris advised us to file a Supplemental Amendment designating claims 7-9 as cancelled, stating that since we had not erred in our Amendment as filed, there would be no extension fees charged.

Enclosed herewith is the Supplemental Amendment designating claims 7-9 as cancelled. No new matter is presented.

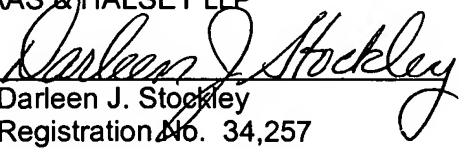
Accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,
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